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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2000, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claim 12 and add the following new claims:

12. (Amended) A method of providing telephonic communication using an Internet communications channel, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a first communications device, coupled to a standard switched telephone network for normal telephonic communication and to an Internet connection coupled to the Internet, the first communications device including an interface device provided to selectively couple an output of the first communications device to one of the standard switched telephone network and the Internet connection, the interface device being adapted to automatically determine if the output is to be selectively coupled to at least one of: the standard switched telephone network and the Internet connection;